

KRAUS WILL FINALLY ADJUDGED FORGERY

Surrogate Confirms Findings
of Referee, Which Affects
\$1,000,000 Estate.

A decree signed yesterday by Surrogate Foley, following a report submitted to him by John G. Saxe as referee, adjudged as a forgery and invalid a will offered for probate last November as that of Samuel Kraus, vice-president of the Eagle Pencil Company, and which left practically his whole estate of more than \$1,000,000 to Mrs. Adeline Thomas, who alleged she was his natural daughter.

Kraus died suddenly at his home in this city in January of last year, and two days later the will purporting to be his was filed by Mrs. Thomas's husband.

band, Oscar R. Thomas, who was named in it as executor. Kraus's two nephews objected to the probate of the will as a forgery and Mr. Saxe was appointed referee to take proofs on the question of its genuineness.

He reported last September that the will was a forgery and accused Thomas of having inserted a page in it after it was executed which made his wife Kraus's heir. Thomas denied the charge and said that if Mr. Saxe's report was approved he would appeal the case to court after court until he was vindicated. Two months later, on Thanksgiving Day, Thomas died suddenly. An investigation by a medical examiner showed that his death was due to natural causes.

Kraus was 73 years old when he died and was a bachelor. Mrs. Thomas alleges that she is a daughter of a common law marriage between him and a woman who once was his employee.

Solomon Kraus, a brother, asked the Surrogate's Court yesterday to appoint him and the Manufacturers Trust Company administrators of Kraus's estate, his petition setting forth that he and his brother, Isaac Kraus, have searched diligently for a genuine will of Samuel Kraus, but have been unable to find

one. His petition states also that during the short time Thomas had control of the estate as executor it shrank in volume from \$1,300,000 to \$1,000,000. He and his brother and the children of two brothers who are dead will divide the estate under the law regulating intestacy.

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Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.

Prohibition officials to-day agreed to concentrate all stocks of whisky in bonded warehouses into fewer storage places as a means of safety and to effect economy.

Commissioner Haynes said the concentration of liquors now stored in 300 warehouses amounts to about 35,000,000 gallons.

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